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Make Music Day is a worldwide, daylong celebration of free, public, outdoor music held on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. This movement began in France in 1982 with an event called *Fête de la Musique* (or "Make Music" in English).

Today, it has grown into an international phenomenon, engaging hundreds of millions of people worldwide to celebrate, create, and share music in public spaces each June 21st. Last year, organizers in more than 800 cities across the globe took part and collectively reimagined their city as an entire stage on which everyone in the community was invited to perform.

Gaining momentum in North America, last year 19 cities participating last year, among them "Make Music New York," "Make Music Chicago" and "Make Music Madison." Musicians of all styles, all ages, and all skill levels used music to spread joy to their communities – on rooftops, in store fronts, in parks and on porches –anywhere they dreamt of hosting a concert.

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The *Make Music* movement affirms the importance of music and its role in building and bridging communities – performers take cultural events out into the community where people are, amateur musicians share their passion, hone their talent and gain confidence in performing, while professionals introduce themselves to new audiences.

This Sunday, June 21, more than 800 cities in 110 countries will hold official, citywide celebrations of music with free, openly accessible concerts, music lessons, and participatory performances. On a smaller scale, many others around the world join in with their own events on June 21st, wherever they are, organizing music for their neighborhood, for their block, or for their parking lot.

Make Music Day builds a sense of community pride and identity, fosters collaboration, promotes cultural diversity, builds popular support for arts and culture, and offers opportunities for creative self-expression among many other benefits.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisor hereby proclaims Sunday, June 21, 2015 to be “Make Music Los Angeles Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles, and all residents are hereby encouraged to participate in the wide variety of musical activities available to them as audience members, participants and performers.